

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph 0004 of the amended specification with the following paragraph.

U.S. Pat. No. 3,114,919 issued to Kenreich on December 24, 1963 discloses a machine that can wash and dry using conventional laundry soap, however, this apparatus can only wash one shirt, or the like, and one pair of pants, or the like, at a time. In addition, this patent discloses an apparatus that has fixed outlets for dispensing wash and rinse water. This patent, like U.S. Pat. No. 3,664,159 issued to Mazza on May 23, 1972, utilizes a shaking of the garments to remove dirt and debris from the garments. However, shaking the garments can cause the garments to fall during the wash cycle, and can impart wrinkles to the garments. In addition, these patents teach that the wash water is applied from the top and bottom of the clothing, and not ~~at close range~~ along the length of the clothing.

Please replace paragraph 0005 of the amended specification with the following paragraph.

Finally, U.S. Pat. No. 3,672,188 issued to Geschka et al. on Jun. 27, 1972 discloses an apparatus that uses conventional laundry soap water, and hot air to wash and dry clothes. However, in this patent the soap and water are applied to the garments from top and bottom nozzles. Likewise, in U.S. Pat. No. 3,868,835 issued to Todd-Reeve on Mar. 4, 1975, the water and soap are applied from nozzles located near the top and bottom of the apparatus. In neither of these apparatuses is the soap and water applied over the entire length of the garments ~~at close range~~.

Please replace paragraph 0008 of the amended specification with the following paragraph.

In yet another aspect of the present invention, a garment processing apparatus includes means for supporting one or more garments, means for blowing air ~~at close range~~ onto each of the garments from a manifold that traverses the length of the garments at least one time, means for recirculating the air blown onto each of the garments back to the manifold, and means for removing water from the recirculated air.

Please replace paragraph 0009 of the amended specification with the following paragraph.

In a further aspect of the present invention, a garment processing apparatus includes means for supporting one or more garments, means for blowing air ~~at close range~~ onto both sides of each of the garments from a manifold, means for recirculating the air blown onto each of the garments back to the manifold, and means for removing water from the recirculated air.

Please replace paragraph 0012 of the amended specification with the following paragraph.

In yet another aspect of the present invention, a method of processing garments includes supporting one or more garments in a cabinet, blowing air ~~at close range~~ onto both sides of the garments in the cabinet from a manifold, recirculating the air blown onto each of the garments back to the manifold, and removing water from the recirculated air.

Please replace paragraph 0029 of the amended specification with the following paragraph.

A manifold may be used to supply water, steam and/or air to the garments. Chemical agents for treating the garments may be injected into the water, steam and/or air stream in the manifold. The manifold may include a series of arms. A respective pair of the series of arms is disposed on each side of a garment suspended therebetween. Each pair of arms contains ~~orifices, such as~~ nozzles, configured to direct fluids, such as water, steam, and/or air stream, at a downward angle on both sides of the garment disposed therebetween. The manifold, arms, and nozzles may contain a dual internal system of pipes. One set of internal pipes allows wash water and/or rinse water to be directed ~~at close range~~ toward the garments. The other set of internal pipes allows air and/or steam to be directed ~~at close range~~ toward the garments.

Please replace paragraph 0047 of the amended specification with the following paragraph.

In either case, once the water (with or without chemical agents) reaches the manifold 40, it may exit the arms 42 through liquid-exits 44. The liquid-exits 44 are configured such that individual hanger mounted garments 26 disposed adjacent thereto may be sprayed on both sides with the water/detergent mixture. The manifold 40 may move up and down the length of the hanger-mounted garments 26 spraying both sides of garments 26 with the water. For example, as illustrated in FIG. 1, the manifold 40 may be vertically positioned to receive a hanger-mounted garment 26 between two adjacent arms 42. The liquid-exits 44 of the two adjacent arms 42 facing the hanger-mounted garment 26 may be used to spray both sides of the hanger-mounted garment 26 ~~at a close range~~. The water may run off the garments 26, down to the bottom wall 12f, through the drain 14, and back to the water pump 82. A waste water valve 94 may be used to recirculate the water, or discharge the water through a water outlet pipe 96.